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Japanese language references BG and BH correspond to English language references BJ and BK, respectively, and Japanese language reference BI has an English language Abstract attached.

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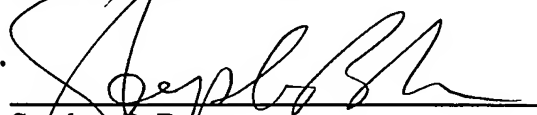
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